

# BATTLES IN SECOND LINE OF DEFENSES

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BERLIN, Aug. 24.—With Oswiec, the last first class Russian fortress in Poland, in possession of the Germans, the Teutonic allies are now concentrating their efforts to forge an iron band around Brest-Litovsk, the most powerful link in the chain of defensive works on the Russians' second line.

Guns that were captured at Ivanogorod, Warsaw, Novo Greviesk, Ostrolenka, Kovno and Serock are being used by the Germans against the Russians, of whose artillery these pieces were formerly a part.

After incredible exertions and in the face of the most violent resistance, the Austro-German armies in the group commanded by Field Marshal von Mackensen have crossed the Switlas lake region, east of Vidovaa, about 25 miles south of Brest-Litovsk. The Russians defending Brest-Litovsk on the south are falling back under the aegis hammer blows of the German and Austro-Hungarian troops east of the Bug.

A mighty engagement marked by some of the bloodiest fighting of the Polish campaign, is taking place north, west and south of Brest-Litovsk with approximately 200,000 men and 5,000 big cannons engaged. Air attacks against the fortress of Brest-Litovsk are being made by day and by night.

Have Given No Ground. Although the Teutonic allies at some points have halted their own advance in order to concentrate artillery fire against strong Russian positions, there is no point upon the battle front from the Baltic to Galicia where the Austro-German lines are in danger or have been compelled to give any ground.

The gigantic offensive launched 16 weeks ago by the Austro-German forces is still in full swing with no lessening of its vigor at any point. Where the troops are not advancing the Russian trenches and forts are being battered by the tremendous bombardment of the Teutonic artillery.

The army of Gen. von Elchhorn, east of Kovno, is now within 30 miles of Vilna. A German army is now driving against the Russian fortress of Grodno on the Niemen river. Grodno and Brest-Litovsk are the only two fortresses of capital importance left in the hands of the Russians on their second line of defense. Grodno is 75 miles south of Kovno and 110 miles north of Brest-Litovsk. It commands the Niemen and Bobr rivers, the Warsaw-Petrograd railway and several important highways.

In the sector of Bialystok, the Russians are putting up strong resistance to the Germans, stubbornly contesting every inch of ground. The Russian losses in that region have been enormous.

# FEAR LOSSES IN GENERAL ASSAULT

Siege Warfare Has Developed in the Austro-Italian Theater of Hostilities.

ROME, Aug. 24.—Siege warfare has developed in the Austro-Italian theater of hostilities and Lieut. Gen. Count Luigi Cadorna, chief of the Italian general staff, following the tactics of Gen. Joffre, is "milling" his way to victory.

Unwilling to incur the heavy losses that a grand assault all along the line would entail because of the great Austrian fortifications, the Italian high commander has decided to pound away at the Austrian line with the capture of trenches here and there where their loss would be most keenly felt by the Austrians.

Improvement in the artillery fire of the enemy has given rise to the conclusion that trained officers from the artillery section of the German army are directing the cannonades of the big guns in Trentino and the Carnic Alps.

South of Gorizia on the Isonzo front trench fighting of a violent nature is in progress, together with mining operations on a big scale. At the northern end of the Isonzo front the Italians are struggling successfully to encircle the fortress of Tolmino, but are meeting with stubborn resistance. The mountainous condition of the country is favorable to the defense of the city for all the heights are crowned with Austrian fortifications defended with heavy guns.

Night attacks by the Austrians are reported from the Cordovole valley, particularly in the region of Luna pass. Aduana has been bombarded by Italian aviators.

# Seek \$10,000 Damages For Death of Cook

Another suit growing out of the collapse of the buildings at 112-114 S. Michigan st. on Jan. 3, 1914, was filed Tuesday forenoon when George A. Kuriz, as administrator of the estate of Kee Hong, brought action in the circuit court against the Independent 5 and 10-Cent stores to recover \$10,000 damages for the death of Hong.

Hong was employed as a cook for Long Mye, Chinese restaurant proprietor, lessee of the second floor of the building at No. 112 S. Michigan st. at the time of the collapse. It is charged that the 10-cent store was careless in making repairs on the building in that the wall between the two buildings was not properly strengthened when a doorway was cut through and also that when the first floor of the south building was raised it was not properly supported. Hong was killed in the collapse of the buildings. He was survived by a widow and two children.

# WATER TOO COLD SO MAN SWIMS ASHORE

Julius Horvath Changes Mind and Is Looking For Another Job.

"Too much water," That is what deterred Julius Horvath from committing suicide Tuesday morning at the Sample st. bridge by jumping in the river. He jumped in all right, found the water was wet and cold, changed his mind, and then swam back to shore.

Julius was frightened when the police patrol with Detective Cassidy and Officers Eckerley and Isackson came thundering down upon him. He said first in broken English that he lost his hat, then it was someone that dared him to do it. That someone had said that he jumped in there, he could not get out again. So he did it just to show 'em.

Then when the interpreter was secured it was learned that Julius meant to enact a real tragedy. He had been working for the city in the street commissioner's department. Monday he lost his job. He had no money. He owed a debt for board at Steve Gernack, Prairie av. and Tutt st. where he lived. He decided on the river, Sample st., being the location. His courage failed after he struck the water, so he took a new lease on life and went to the police station. Julius Horvath is now looking for another job.

# PICKPOCKETS ARE BUSY

Man Viewing Pictures in Theater Loses Valuables.

Guard well your purse. This is the warning cry sent out by the police department following the robbery of William T. Briggs, 702 Osborne st., who was relieved of his folding bill book, containing \$8 in bills, 30 cents in change and 10 one cent stamps, besides two rings, while viewing the pictures in the Surprise Saturday night. The complaint was registered with John Kuespert, chief of detectives, Tuesday. The police are now on the lookout for pickpockets.

# COURT SUSPENDS FINE

Driver Shows He Was Cautious While Passing Street Car.

Glen Purkey, garage owner, arrested Sunday on a charge of driving by a street car that was unloading passengers, contrary to city ordinance, was given a suspended fine of \$1 and costs in the city court Tuesday morning. Purkey, taking the stand on his own behalf, declared that that he had been extremely cautious and had driven his car up next to the curb, slowing down so that it was traveling very slowly.

# WILL ERECT HOSPITAL

Studebaker Corporation to Spend \$2,000 on Building.

An emergency hospital is to be built by the Studebaker corporation. The hospital building is to be one story brick affair, and is to be located on Lafayette st. in the rear of the shops. The cost of the structure will be \$2,000. A building permit for the construction of the hospital was taken out Tuesday.

# THREE BOYS ARE HELD

Battle Creek Lads Wanted to See the World.

Three out of five Battle Creek boys, running away from home, were picked up in South Bend by the local police. They gave their names as Colly, Lozier and Endel. They were held until Tuesday morning when the Battle Creek authorities came after them.

# WIRE THIEVES ARE BUSY

Local Telephone Company Reports Loss to Police.

Wire thieves are again active in and about South Bend, according to the complaint of the wire chief of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., who reported to the local police authorities that 75 pounds of copper wire had been stolen a mile east of Niles. Because of the war, the price of copper has advanced.

# ANSWER FALSE ALARM

The prank of some mischievous boy called the fire department to Lincoln way W., and Lincoln st. Tuesday afternoon at 2:10 o'clock. The box was turned, but no trace of a fire was found by the Central station which made the run.

# MANY STATES REPRESENTED AT MEETING

Need of Uniform Laws Will be Discussed at Conference of Governors Now in Session at Boston.

# CHIEF EXECUTIVES GREETED BY MAYOR

Sec'y Daniels Will Attend—Review of Atlantic Fleet Will be One Feature of the Gathering.

BOSTON, Aug. 24.—Gov. Walsh, standing in the senate rostrum of the historic state house, today extended the glad hand of welcome from Massachusetts to the governor conference.

From the same rostrum Mayor Curley delivered the official welcome of Boston. The response was made in behalf of the conference by Gov. William Spry of Utah. With these formalities, Boston and Massachusetts became the scene of the greatest assemblage of governors and former governors in the history of the United States. Thirteen governors were seated in the senate chamber. An additional 14 ex-governors increased the total of distinguished visitors to 27. Four of them represent states from which the chief executives were unable to come.

Will Discuss Laws. The purpose of the conference is for free discussion of subjects which should be made uniform through state legislation.

Among the states represented and their representatives are: Arizona—Gov. George P. Hunt. Colorado—Gov. George A. Carlson. ex-Gov. Alva Adams, ex-Gov. Elias M. Ammons. Connecticut—Gov. Marcus H. Holcomb.

Florida—Gov. Park Trammell, ex-Gov. A. W. Gilchrist. Idaho—Gov. Moses Alexander. Illinois—Gov. Edward F. Dunne. Kansas—Gov. Arthur Capper.

Maine—Gov. Oakley C. Curtis. Maryland—Gov. P. L. Goldsborough. Minnesota—Gov. Winfield S. Hammond, ex-Gov. Adolph O. Eberhart. Montana—Gov. Samuel V. Stewart. New Hampshire—Gov. Rolland H. Spaulding, ex-Gov. Henry B. Quimby.

New Jersey—Gov. James S. Fielder, ex-Gov. John Franklin Fort. New York—Gov. Charles S. Whitman, ex-Gov. John A. Dix. Oklahoma—Gov. Robert L. Williams.

Rhode Island—Gov. R. Livingston Bleeckman. South Carolina—Gov. Richard I. Manning. South Dakota—Gov. Frank M. Byrne.

Utah—Gov. William Spry. Vermont—Ex-Gov. Allen M. Fletcher. Virginia—Gov. Henry C. Stuart, ex-Gov. William Hodges Mann. Washington—Gov. Ernest Lister. Wisconsin—Ex-Gov. Francis E. McGovern, Miles C. Riley, secretary of conference.

Wyoming—Ex-Gov. Joseph M. Carey. Massachusetts—Gov. David I. Walsh, former Gov. Eugene N. Foss, former Gov. John L. Bowers, former Gov. W. Murray Crane, former Gov. John D. Long.

Greeted by Governor. Gov. Walsh in his address of welcome said: "The old Bay state opens her arms to you in true motherly fashion and seeks to manifest in every possible way her friendly feelings. May your enjoyment and satisfaction in your visit equal ours in welcoming you among us—I can voice no better wish.

Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart of Harvard replied on behalf of the conference on universities and public service, which will convene today with the governors.

Sec'y of the Navy Joseph Daniels today arrived at the Fore River ship yards, Quincy, on board the naval dispatch boat Dolphin. He was accompanied by his aides and members of his family.

Tomorrow the secretary will review the North Atlantic fleet now assembling for the governors' conference.

# UPRISING IN HAITI FEARED BY CAPERTON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Admiral Caperton informed the navy department today that an uprising against American marines in north Haiti is certain soon. Gen. Morceni, and adherent of Gen. Bobo, served notice on the American commander that his supporters are not satisfied with the result of the recent election. Caperton held a conference with Morceni just outside Cape Haitien.

The cruiser Tennessee with 350 more marines and artillery equipment will leave Philadelphia for Haiti Thursday or Friday, the navy department announced.

WILSON GETS MEDAL. SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Aug. 24.—The national school peace league executive committee Monday announced that Pres't Wilson had been awarded the gold medal, given annually by the league for the greatest service in the interest of world peace. Presentation of the medal will be made in Washington by a committee of league officers.

# Late Bulletins

STORM DEFENSES. BERLIN, Aug. 24 (by wireless).—German troops are storming the defense of Brest-Litovsk. Today's report from the general staff announces the capture of Kopytow hill, to the southeast of the great fortress on the Bug river.

Other German forces, continuing their pursuit of the retreating Russians, have reached the Biala-Wysoka forts. In this region 4,500 prisoners and nine machine guns were captured.

THREE LIVES LOST. LONDON, Aug. 24.—Three more lives were lost today when the Hull trawler, commander Boyle, was sunk by a German submarine. Nine members of the trawler's crew were saved but three were lost.

PARTIES UNKNOWN. MARIETTA, Ga., Aug. 24.—Shortly before noon the coroner's jury returned a verdict that Leo M. Frank came to his death "at the hands of parties unknown to the jury."

"Twenty-five witnesses, including all who testified at the inquest, were subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury at its session next Tuesday when that body will resume the investigation of the case.

SINK WARSHIP. BERLIN, Aug. 24.—The Admiralty announced today that a German submarine had torpedoed and sunk a Russian auxiliary warship at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland.

TRAWLER IS SUNK. LONDON, Aug. 24.—The trawler Boy Bert was sunk by a submarine today. Four men were saved.

BENTON TO GIANTS. NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Pitcher "Rube" Benton was awarded to the New York Giants today by the board of directors of the National league.

# COMMISSION IS OPPOSED TO TIPS

Equal Suffrage and Equal Pay for Women Recommended in Report.

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—Universal suffrage for women. Equal wages for men and women where equal work is done.

Purchase and operation by the government of all telegraph and telephone companies of the country.

Prohibition by federal law of the giving of tips to any employee of a public service corporation engaged in interstate commerce and the fixing of the giver or taker of a tip.

Revision of taxes so as to tax used and unused land alike, but exempting improvements so as to force the use of unused lands.

These are some of the recommendations contained in the second section of the report of the federal commission on industrial relations, made public today. This section of the report was signed by Commissioners Frank P. Walsh, chairman, John B. Lennon, Austin B. Garretson and James O'Connell.

The signatures of Commissioners John R. Commons, Harris Weinstein, Richard Haishton, Thurston Ballard and Mrs. J. Borden Harriman were withheld for supplemental reports to be made later.

# FEAR ANOTHER STRIKE

South Wales Miners Not Satisfied With Decision.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Threats of another strike in the coal fields of South Wales today. The miners are dissatisfied with the decision handed down by Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade, on the recent dispute with the operators.

Other strike is being considered and is likely to be called unless the men get further concessions.

# FRENCH GAIN GROUND

Fighting of Desperate Character Says Paris Report.

PARIS, Aug. 24.—French troops gained more ground in the Vosges yesterday, the war office announced this afternoon. The fighting was of a desperate character, the French making three violent attacks on the heights north of Sebratzmaenelle and the Germans launching numerous counter attacks.

TWO ARE KILLED. JERSEY CITY, N. J., Aug. 24.—Two unidentified men were killed when fire swept the American hotel, a lodging house, early today.

# Chicago Teachers Ordered To Quit Union Talk Strike

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—Officials of the teachers' federation and labor organizations today ridiculed the amendment adopted by the rules committee of the board of education ordering the abolition of the Chicago teachers' federation. Mrs. Ida L. M. Fursman, president of the federation, and others said the order would not stand a chance for passage when it comes up before the whole board.

# VILLA CALLS UPON ZAPATA FOR TROOPS

Mexican Leader Facing What Will be Crucial Battle of His Career—Admits Army is Too Weak.

# VILLISTAS ARE DEFEATED IN MONTEREY ATTACK

After Two Hours' Battle They Withdraw, Leaving Half of Their Men on the Field. Gen. Pereira is Killed.

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 24.—Finding himself whipped in every engagement he has fought during the last four months, and admitting that he is the crucial battle of his career, Gen. Francisco Villa has sent, through an American messenger, an urgent appeal for help to Gen. Emiliano Zapata, commander of conventional troops in the south. The messenger left El Paso early today for Gen. Zapata's headquarters via Galveston and Vera Cruz.

Zapata will be handed a detailed report from Villa giving the status of the conventional army in the north. He will be told that the only way to save Villa's army from annihilation at Torreón is for him to send not less than 4,000 Zapatistas northward to attack the powerful Carranzista army now operating against that city.

"If you do not do this," says Villa's message to Zapata, "Carranza's bandits may succeed in whipping my army in which event they will turn right back and go down and whip you."

The name of the American bearing the message cannot be given at the present as he must pass incognito through Carranza territory.

The inquiry is in effect a request for further information. It is stated that pending the receipt of this information the constitutionalists' first chief will indicate nothing as to his attitude on the conference proposition drafted by the Pan-American conference.

Five days more probably will be required for further consideration of the matter and an exchange of messages.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Gen. Funston today reported to the war department that Mexican troops had fled on American soldiers at Lochiel, Ariz., the second time within a few days. No one was wounded. The Mexican commander sent word to the commanding American officer at Lochiel that it would not happen again.

The Villa agency here today issued a statement claiming that the constitutionalist forces routed a Carranzista army after a hard battle at Teanahuat, near Monterrey. The claim was based on a dispatch from the Villa consul at Laredo, Texas. The Carranzistas are declared to have lost heavily in dead and wounded and have fled in disorder.

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# Delay Asked In Arabic Case By Germany

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States has telegraphed a request to the state department at Washington that no action be taken in reference to the sinking of the Arabic until the official version from Berlin is received.

The ambassador announced today that he had taken this action and that he had also wired to Sec'y of the State Lansing a request that the state department make his dispatch public or that he be granted permission to do so.

The German government, it is learned, had prepared to accept any British statements, nor any affidavits of passengers on the Arabic that come through British sources, nor from English sympathizers. It is regarded as possible in German diplomatic circles that the Arabic may have been sunk by a mine and the suggestion is not considered improbable by German officials that the Arabic might have been sent to the bottom "through British instrumentality."

# TRANSPORTS SUNK IN GULF OF RIGA

German Attempt to Land Forces at Pernau Ends in Disaster.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 24.—Several thousand German soldiers are believed to have been drowned when ships on which they were being taken into the Gulf of Riga were destroyed by Russian artillery.

The Novoe Vremya states that during the German attempt to land forces at Pernau three transports from Berlin sent by way of Amsterdam today declares that "Russian reports are greatly exaggerating the German naval losses, as well as the engagement in the Gulf of Riga."

Another attempt to land at Gainsk, south of Pernau, resulted in the destruction of the transports filled with troops.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Petrograd dispatches state that in addition to the losses previously reported the Germans lost an auxiliary cruiser and a submarine in the naval engagement at the Gulf of Riga, but the message from Berlin sent by way of Amsterdam today declares that "Russian reports are greatly exaggerating the German naval losses, as well as the engagement in the Gulf of Riga."

SEBASTOPOL, Russia, Aug. 24.—The Russian Black Sea fleet has carried out another successful raid against the Turkish coast, it was announced today. Coast fortifications and naval depots were destroyed and several colliers were sunk near Trebizond.

# TY COBB IS OFFERED \$100,000 BY FEDERALS

Are Willing to Pay Him Half as Soon as Contract is Signed.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—An offer of \$100,000 has been made to Ty Cobb to sign a three-year contract to play with a team that the Federal league will place in New York in 1916. Of this amount \$50,000 will be paid to Cobb immediately upon signing the contract while the balance will be paid to him over a stretch of three years.

Cobb, it is said, has taken the matter under consideration. Cobb's contract with the Detroit Tigers has three years more to run and it is understood that the document is of the iron clad nature.

The Federal league officials, it is understood, have told Cobb that if he signs up with them and is barred from playing by a court injunction that he will be paid his full salary by the Federals for sitting out the season, but this arrangement is not entirely satisfactory to Cobb.

# OPPOSED TO ANNEXATION

ZURICH, Aug. 24.—The Socialist newspaper Volkrecht publishes today a statement to the effect that the German Reichstag by the Neue Valerand Society protesting against the territorial annexation proposals made by some German leaders, it asserts "it is madness to imagine that Germany can conquer Great Britain."

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# SINKING OF ARABIC DUE TO TORPEDO

United States Has Positive Proof Vessel Was Victim of Submarine and Did Not Hit Floating Mine.

# RUMOR HINTS GERMANY WILL PREVENT BREAK

Report is Widely Circulated in Financial Circles—League Neutral Nations May be Formed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Overwhelming proof that the Arabic was sunk by a torpedo launched from a submarine is in possession of the state department. All Americans interviewed by Consul Frost in England emphasized in their affidavits that they saw "the wake of the torpedo." This evidence is so clear, officials say, that Pres't Wilson will be compelled to reject any defense set up by Germany which charges the loss of the liner to a floating mine.

Although the administration is waiting for all the facts, the state department has been set for prompt action so soon as the evidence is complete. Ambassador Gerard will be recalled by cable if the sinking of the Arabic be decided to have been the "deliberately unfriendly" act that the president and his cabinet already have decided should be sufficient for a break in existing friendly relations with Germany. At the same time, passports will be sent to Ambassador von Bernstorff and the state department will make arrangements for a safe conduct for him to Germany.

It's Up to Germany. Germany alone can prevent this action. Her disavowal or a complete explanation would save the situation. She will be given an opportunity to do so, just how long a time and in what manner being known at present only to Pres't Wilson and Sec'y Lansing.

The president has decided against any discussion of the situation at this time without the cabinet. The regular meeting scheduled for today was called off, the only explanation being that only a few of the members are in the city. All, however, are keeping in constant touch with their department and could reach here within a very short time.

Meanwhile, rumors that Germany contemplates action that will prevent a break are being circulated widely in financial circles. These rumors have reached the white house, and the state department in circumstantial form. But it is stated with authority that no responsible German source has given the slightest confirmation to them.

Suggest Neutral League. The suggestion that the time has come for the formation of a league of neutral nations to act jointly in safeguarding their interests, has been voiced in influential quarters several times within the last 24 hours. It is understood that the president is again considering the suggestion, although the cabinet is opposed to it.

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# COTTON GROWERS DEMOUNCE ACTION

Begin Series of Conference With View of Relieving the Situation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Southern cotton growers are planning steps for their own relief. The announcement by Sec'y McAdoo that the treasury will lend \$50,000,000 to safeguard this year's cotton crop is pleasing, but far from satisfying.

Placing of cotton on the contraband list by Great Britain and her allies is being denounced bitterly by southern senators and representatives, and many of them make it plain that if the administration does not file a most drastic protest, they will make the entire question a national issue so soon as congress reconvenes or is called in special session.

The prediction freely is made that Pres't Wilson cannot expect congressional support for any proposals taken against Germany for the Arabic's sinking, if he does not deal sharply with Great Britain for hampering the cotton trade.

Officers of the southern commercial congress, headed by Duncan U. Fletcher began a series of conferences here today to determine what additional means must be employed to solve the situation. It is expected that a convention of cotton growers and shippers will be called to meet here next month to take up the entire question. The great concern of the cotton men is the future. This year's crop can be cared for and the price of the staple kept high enough to prevent the planters going bankrupt. But if the European war is to continue indefinitely markets must be opened and kept open as money enough cannot be found for indefinite loans.

Conferees at New W. P. G. Harding of the federal reserve board and Sir Richard Crawford of the British embassy continue in the hope that an arrangement may yet be made whereby the cotton promised by Britain herself may result.